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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Sheriff's Office Holds First Quarterly Pharmaceutical Drug Take-Back Event

Location: Cumberland Cove Welcome Center
16939 Highway 70N, Monterey, TN 38574

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM – Noon

In partnership with the Power of Putnam and District Attorney General Bryant Dunaway's Office, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office is hosting a pharmaceutical drug take-back event for Putnam County residents to properly dispose of used or unwanted medication on Saturday, March 21, at the Cumberland Cove Welcome Center.

Items accepted include:

- Prescriptions
- Over the counter medications
- Pet medications
- Medicated ointment, lotions or drops
- Liquid medications (in leak-proof containers)
- Inhalers
- Pills in any packaging (glass bottles, plastic containers, plastic bags, etc.)

Items not accepted include:

- Illegal drugs & narcotics (although police will accept these items if placed in the containers)
- Sharps/needles
- Blood sugar equipment
- Thermometers
- IV bags
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products (shampoo, lotions, etc)

“We are pleased to announce our first drug take-back event,” said Sheriff Eddie Farris. “We are planning to hold these events throughout the county on a quarterly basis as part of our commitment to take unwanted drugs out of circulation and prevent them from falling into the wrong hands. Of course, residents can still bring their used or

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unwanted prescription drugs to the Sheriff's Office during regular business hours and drop them in our Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal Bin if that is more convenient."

"With the rising abuse of controlled substances within the County, especially prescription pain medications, it is important that we provide Putnam County residents with a safe and viable disposal option to keep drugs out of our water and off the streets. This is one way that we can help make our community a safer place to live, added Farris."

For more information on the types of pharmaceutical drugs, creams, ointments and pills that can be dropped off at the drug disposal bin, look at <http://www.awarerx.org/get-local/tennessee/drug-disposal-information> or visit the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and read the list of items posted on the front of the bin.

For more information on the pharmaceutical disposal bin program or to schedule a drug collection event in your community, please contact the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at (931) 528-8484 or by email at sheriffinfo@putnamcountyttn.gov.

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